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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 18, 2004. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 5-15, 18-24, 29-40 and 43-54 included allowable subject matter, noting the features of claims 5, 18, 29 and 43. Accordingly, claims 5, 18, 29 and 43 have been re-written in independent form, claims 1, 16, 27, 41, and 55 through 61 have been cancelled, and the dependencies of claims 2, 3, 17, 25, 29, 35, 42 and 49 have been changed to reflect these amendments.

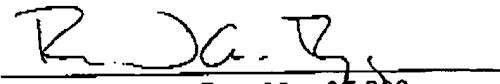
Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's rejections and objections be withdrawn. This application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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